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SUBJECT: ENERGY: GON VIEWS ON EC REPLY TO THE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION TO THE FEBRUARY 11 MEETING

1. IN JANUARY 16 CONVERSATION WITH DCM FONOFF DIRECTOR GENERAL ITALIANER EXPRESSED GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH EC COUNCIL HANDLING OF PRESIDENT'S INVITATION TO ATTEND THE FEBRUARY 11 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY MEETING IN WASH-
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INGTON. PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL'S FORMAL ACCEPTANCE

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WAS BEING PUT INTO FINAL FORM AND WOULD, ITALIANER THOGHT, BE DELIVERED TO THE DEPARTMENT VIA THE NETHER-LANDS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON (ITALIANER PROMISED THE EMBASSY AN INFORMATION COPY). THE REPLY WOULD BE SHORT AND CONTAIN LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE IN THE INTEREST OF SENDING IT PROMPTLY. ITALIANER ANTICIPATED THAT FONMIN VAN DER STOEL, PERHAPS ACCOMPANIED BY A FEW ADVISORS, WOULD ATTEND.

2. ITALIANER COULD NOT PREDICT WHETHER EC WOULD ARRIVE FOR MEETING WITH A COMMON OR EVEN COORDINATED POSITION. LIKE SOME OF HIS OPPOSITE NUMBERS IN OTHER EC CAPITALS HE INDICATED THAT THE FRENCH MIGHT FRUSTRATE ACHIEVING AN EC NINE CONSENSUS BEFOREHAND. THIS WOULD NOT RPT NOT MATTER A GREAT DEAL TO THE DUTCH WHO IN ANY CASE WOULD BE PRESENT WITH THEIR OWN IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS.

3. ITALIANER WAS SOMEWHAT CONCERNED BY THE AMOUNT OF PREPARATORY WORK THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO MAKE THE FEBRUARY 11 MEETING USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE. DCM REPLIED THAT US HAD THIS VERY MUCH IN MIND WHEN IT PROPOSED TO SEND A SPECIAL ENVOY TO CAPITALS OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES FOLLOWING FORMAL ACCEPTANCE. ITALIANER ALSO WONDERED WHETHER A ONE DAY MEETING WOULD SUFFICE. DCM OFFERED THE PERSONAL VIEW THAT ADVISORS AND SPECIALISTS ACCOMPANYING THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS MIGHT STAY ON AN ADDITIONAL DAY IF THIS PROVED DESIRABLE. ITALIANER INDICATED THAT THE DUTCH WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON AGAIN IN PREPARING THE MEETING.

4. ITALIANER REITERATED STRONG INTEREST HE HAD EX-PRESSED TO ECONOMIC COUNSELOR LAST WEEK THAT LDC'S BE BROUGHT EXPEDITIOUSLY AND EFFECTIVELY INTO THE DELIBERATIVE PROCESS LOOKING TO NEW INTERNATIONAL ENERGY ARRANGEMENTS. FOR THIS REASON DUTCH AUTHOR-ITIES WERE INCLINED TO PREFER MOVING AS SOON AS FEASIBLE FROM THE FEBRUARY 11 MEETING DIRECTLY TO THE LARGER CONFERENCE WITH CONSUMER AND PRODUCER
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